

went on; Sutri was won; Rome was as yet too much of a hornet's nest to venture into, but Albano submitted, and all Campania recognised the Duke and the Pope. At Anagni (6th May, 1137), the host crossed into Capuan territory and next pitched its tents under the hill of Monte Cassino, The possession of the great frontier abbey was all-important for both sides, Within the walls there had reigned constant confusion since the death of the Abbot Seniorectus a few months previously, Seniorectus had been a partisan of Roger and the Camerarius Jocelyn had been able to turn the abbey almost in to a royal fortress, (On hearing of the Abbot's death (10th February, 1137), he hastened to Monte Cassino, towards which two thousand German horse were on their way. Stationing his troops around the hill, he attempted to force an election on his own authority, scoffing at a copy which was shown him of the Constitution of S. Benedict,, and declaring that to proceed according to that rule was, at such a time, out of place, On Henry's approach however he retired and made no offer of battle.

One party of the monks now chose a certain

Rainald of Tuscany who held to Roger
and later
received consecration from Anacletus;
a
party elected another Rainald, of
who laboured to secure the abbey for
the
Armed resistance from captains in the
of
Roger's Rainald met Henry as he and
he encamped eleven at the
loot of the hill